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Prioritized Standards		Knowledge/Skills Assessed	Item Specifications
1.8.1 Read, write, add, subtract, multiply, and divide real numbers in various forms including radicals, exponential, and scientific notation. (C, P) 1.8.2 Compute with rational and	Concepts	1.8.1 Read and write real numbers in various forms.1.8.6 Compare rational numbers.	1.8.1 Real number forms can include radicals, exponential, and scientific notation.1.8.6 Rational numbers are to be in common form.
irrational numbers to solve a variety of problems including rates, recipes, unit costs, and percents (e.g., discounts, interest, sale prices, commissions, and taxes). (PS) 1.7.3 Use absolute value and properties of real numbers to solve problems. (P) 1.8.6 Compare and order rational numbers. (C, P) 1.8.7	Procedures	 1.8.1 Add, subtract, multiply, and divide real numbers in various forms. 1.7.3 Use absolute value and properties of real numbers to solve problems. 1.8.6 Order rational numbers. 1.8.7 Estimate in practical mathematical applications; determine the reasonableness of the answer. 1.8.9 Translate among fractions, decimals and percents and among various representations of equal numbers to solve problems efficiently. 	 1.8.1 Real number forms can include radicals, exponential, and scientific notation. 1.7.3 Use absolute value in simple computation problems. 1.8.6 Item should require conversions in common form only. 1.8.7 Use one-step estimation only. 1.8.9 Representations of equal numbers can take the form of fractions to decimals to percents, or various forms of "1" such as 3/3 or 16/16.
Estimate in problem-solving situations and in practical applications; determine the reasonableness of the answer and verify the results. (P, PS) 1.8.9 Explain the relationship between fractions, decimals, and percents; translate among various representations of equal numbers (e.g., from fractions to decimals to percents, various forms of "1" such as 3/3 or 16/16) to solve problems efficiently. (P, PS)	Problem Solving	 1.8.2 Compute with rational and irrational numbers to solve a variety of contextual realworld problems. 1.8.7 Estimate in contextual real-world problemsolving situations; determine the reasonableness of the answer and verify the results. 1.8.9 Explain the relationship between fractions, decimals, and percents; translate among various representations of equal numbers to solve contextual real-world problems efficiently. 	 1.8.2 Problems may include rates, recipes, unit costs, and percents (e.g., discounts, interest, sale prices, commissions, and taxes). Use simple numbers that allow for assessment of application. 1.8.7 Answer choices for the item can ask for specific estimations or for a range for estimation, (e.g., less than \$10, between \$10 and \$20). 1.8.9 Representations of equal numbers can take the form of fractions to decimals to percents, or various forms of "1" such as 3/3 or 16/16. Items should focus on translation and equivalent forms.

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2.8.1 Use inductive reasoning to find the missing term in number and geometric	ts	2.8.1 Use inductive reasoning to find the missing term in number and geometric patterns.	2.8.1 Find the missing term in the pattern.
patterns and to generalize basic patterns to the nth term, with and without calculators; use written, oral,	Concepts	2.8.3 Identify and model functional relationships using a variety of methods.	2.8.3 Limited to linear functions only. No function notation.
and symbolic language to identify and describe patterns, sequences, and functions. (C, P, PS)		2.8.6 Identify linear equations and inequalities.	2.8.6 Items must be straight forward. Items may ask students to recognize the model of an equation or inequality or based on the model recognize the equation or inequality. Absolute value equations can be assessed.
2.8.2 Translate among verbal descriptions, graphic, tabular, and algebraic representations of mathematical situations. (P) 2.8.3		 2.8.1 Use inductive reasoning to extend the number and geometric patterns. 2.8.2 Use symbols to translate among verbal descriptions, graphic, tabular, and algebraic representations of mathematical situations. 	2.8.1 Extend the pattern in the problem.
Identify, model, describe, and evaluate relationships, including functions, using a variety of methods with and without technology. (C, P) 2.8.4	Procedures	2.8.3 Evaluate functional relationships using a variety of methods.2.8.4 Add and subtract binomials.	2.8.3 Limited to linear functions only. No function notation.
Add and subtract binomials; describe the connection between the algebraic process and the arithmetic process. (P)	P	2.8.5 Determine how a change in one variable of a mathematical relationship affects the remaining variables.	2.8.5 Limit to two variables only.
2.8.5 Describe how a change in one variable of a mathematical relationship affects		2.8.6 Solve linear inequalities.2.8.7 Solve simple linear equations; connect process to	2.8.6 Items may also assess relating order of operations to solving inequalities.
the remaining variables using various tools and methods. (P, PS)		order of operations. 2.8.1 Generalize patterns to the nth term.	2.8.1 Write the rule to generalize the pattern to the nth term. Write a pattern based
2.8.6 Model, identify, and solve linear equations and inequalities; relate this process to the order of operations. (C, P, PS) 2.8.7	m Solving	2.8.5 Determine, describe, and apply how a change in one variable of a mathematical relationship affects the remaining variables in contextual real-world problems.	on a rule.
Solve simple linear equations and connect that process to the order of operations. (P)	Problem	2.8.6 Identify, model, and solve linear equations and inequalities in a contextual real-world problem.	2.8.6 Order of operations may be included in the process.

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Concepts	 3.7.1 Compare corresponding units of measure for mass and volume of the two systems (customary and metric). 3.8.2 Identify the correct measurement tool needed for a task. 3.8.3 Select appropriate formulas to solve problems. 	 3.7.1. Volume should be interpreted as capacity. Limited to the following: ounces, pounds, and tons; ounces, cups, pints, quarts and gallons; grams milligrams, and kilograms; liters, milliliters. 3.8.3 Limit formulas to perimeter, area, circumference, volume and surface area.
Procedures	 3.7.1 Estimate and convert units of measure for mass and volume within the same measurement system (customary and metric). 3.8.2 Demonstrate an understanding of tolerance in measurement to the required degree of accuracy. 3.8.3 Apply appropriate formulas to solve problems. 	 3.7.1 Conversion factor should be embedded in item. Volume should be interpreted as capacity. Limited to the following: ounces, pounds, and tons; ounces, cups, pints, quarts and gallons; grams milligrams, and kilograms; liters and milliliters. 3.8.2 Tolerance problems can not use the ± symbol. 3.8.3 Limit formulas to perimeter, area, circumference, volume and surface area.
Problem Solving	 3.8.2 Solve real-world problems dealing with precision, error and tolerance. 3.8.3 Select and apply appropriate formulas to solve contextual real-world problems; identify the relationship between changes in area and volume and changes in linear measures of figures. 3.8.5 Apply ratios and proportions to calculate rates and as a method of indirect measure to contextual real-world problems. 	 3.8.2 Tolerance problems can not use the ± symbol. Tolerance problems in constructed response only. Precision problems must involve different units; accuracy problems involve the same units. (Give actual object measured and four measurements using the same unit) 3.8.3 Limit formulas to perimeter, area, circumference, volume and surface area. 3.8.5 Indirect measure items may deal with problems of miles per hour, or cost per unit. Proportion must be given.
	Procedures Concepts	State of the two systems (customary and metric). 3.8.2 Identify the correct measurement tool needed for a task. 3.8.3 Select appropriate formulas to solve problems. 3.7.1 Estimate and convert units of measure for mass and volume within the same measurement system (customary and metric). 3.8.2 Demonstrate an understanding of tolerance in measurement to the required degree of accuracy. 3.8.3 Apply appropriate formulas to solve problems. 3.8.4 Solve real-world problems dealing with precision, error and tolerance. 3.8.5 Select and apply appropriate formulas to solve contextual real-world problems; identify the relationship between changes in area and volume and changes in linear measures of figures. 3.8.5 Apply ratios and proportions to calculate rates and as a method of

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4.7.1 Identify, describe by properties, classify, compare, and draw regular and irregular polygons; find the sum of the interior angles. (C, P, PS)	Concepts	4.7.1 Identify, classify, and compare regular and irregular polygons. Describe properties of regular and irregular polygons.4.8.2 Identify corresponding parts.	4.8.2 Identify corresponding parts of congruent and similar shapes.
4.8.2		4.8.5 Use coordinate geometry to represent relationships defined by equations.	4.8.5 Given a graph of a line identify the equation. Given the equation identify the graph.
Apply the properties of equality and proportionality to solve problems involving congruent or similar shapes. (C, P, PS) 4.8.3	sə	4.7.1 Find the sum of the interior angles.4.8.2 Apply the properties of equality and proportionality to solve problems involving congruent or similar shapes.	4.7.1 Limit to three to ten sided figures.
Jse coordinate geometry and nodels to change scale (enlarge and reduce). (P, PS) 1.8.5 Jse coordinate geometry to	Procedures	4.8.3 Use coordinate geometry and models to change scale.4.8.5 Determine midpoint, distance and slope using coordinate geometry.	4.8.3 Scale can either be to enlarge or reduce.
represent and interpret relationships defined by equations and formulas, (including distance, midpoint, and		4.8.7 Use the Pythagorean Theorem and the Angle Sum Theorem to solve mathematical problems.	4.8.7 Limit to triples or radical form only. Item may ask student to determine the length of any side of a right triangle.
slope), with and without technology. (C, P, PS) 4.8.6 Form generalizations and validate conclusions about properties of geometric shapes. (PS) 4.8.7 Verify and explain the Pythagorean Theorem using various methods; determine missing sides and angles of triangles based on properties of	Problem Solving	 4.7.1 Determine the sum of the interior angles from contextual real-world problems. 4.8.2 Apply the properties of equality and proportionality to solve contextual real-world problems involving congruent or similar shapes. 4.8.3 Use coordinate geometry and models to change scale in contextual real-world problems. 4.8.5 Use coordinate geometry to represent and interpret relationships defined by equations and formulas (including distance, midpoint, and slope) in real-world problems. 4.8.6 Form generalizations and validate conclusions about properties of geometric shapes including 	 4.7.1 Limit to three to ten sided figures 4.8.3 Scale can either be to enlarge or reduce. 4.8.6 Label vertices in a clockwise order beginning at the top vertex.
their sides and angles. (P, PS)		parallel lines, perpendicular lines, bisectors, triangles, and quadrilaterals. 4.8.7 Use the Pythagorean Theorem and the Angle Sum Theorem to solve real-world problems.	4.8.7 Limit to triples or radical form only. Item may ask student to determine the length of any side of a right triangle.

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5.8.1 Organize, display, read, and analyze data, with and without technology, using a variety of displays including box and whisker plots. (C, P, PS) 5.8.2 Find the theoretical probability of an event using different counting methods (e.g., tree diagrams, sample spaces, and organized lists)		 5.8.1 Read data using a variety of displays including box and whisker plots. 5.8.2 Determine the theoretical probability using different counting methods. 5.8.3 Determine which expression could be used to determine the number of combinations possible in a given situation. 5.7.4 Identify measures of variability including range, distribution and possible outliers. 	 5.8.1 Items must ask a single question about a data display. 5.8.2 Counting method must be a display, (including lists), and must be provided. Limit to simple event. 5.8.3 Expression not based on combination formula. 	
and compare those results with actual (experimental) results,	Procedures	 5.8.1 Organize and display data using a variety of displays including box and whisker plots. 5.8.2 Find probability without a diagram. Find probability given the odds of an event. Find odds given the probability of an event. 5.8.3 Find the number of combinations possible in given situations using a variety of counting methods. 	5.8.1 Items must ask student to select the correct display given data. May include computation.5.8.3 Number of combinations must not exceed 24.	
variety of counting methods. (C, P, PS) 5.7.4 Select, use, and graph (when possible) measures of variability including range, distribution and possible outliers. (C, PS) 5.8.5 Evaluate arguments that are based on data analysis for accuracy and validity; analyze the effect a change of scale or a change of format will have on statistical charts and graphs. (PS) 5.8.6	Problem Solving	 5.8.1 Organize, display, read, and analyze data using a variety of displays including box and whisker plots. 5.8.2 Compare theoretical and experimental probabilities. 5.8.3 Find the number of combinations possible in given real-world problem situations using a variety of counting methods. 5.7.4 Use, and graph (when possible) measures of variability to solve contextual real-world problems. 5.8.5 Evaluate arguments that are based on data analysis for accuracy and validity; analyze the effect a change of scale or a change of format will have on statistical charts and graphs. 	 5.8.1 Items may ask for a comparison of data from the data display or a computation of information taken from the display. Organize and display in constructed response only. 5.8.3 For constructed response only. Number of combinations must not exceed 24. 5.7.4 Measures of variability may include range, distribution and possible outliers. Item can ask for student to find the "grade" to give the student an average grade of 75% on tests, assignments etc 	
Formulate reasonable inferences and projections based on interpolations and extrapolations of data to solve problems. (PS)		5.8.6 Make inferences and projections based on interpolations and extrapolations of data to solve real world problems.	5.8.6 Items should focus on inferences and projections (e.g., range of answers).	